

Proclamation

Presented

In Recognition of Hula's Bar & Lei Stand's 40th Anniversary

WHEREAS, Hula's Bar & Lei Stand was founded in 1974 by Jack Law with business partner Eaton "Bob" Magoon Jr., at the corner of Kuhio Avenue and Kalaimoku Street as an establishment welcoming patrons of all sexual orientations under the branches of the banyan tree in its original location; and

WHEREAS, Hula's Bar & Lei Stand became a renowned destination celebrated for its events as the state's first disco, while adopting new technology to create its own content as a "videotheque," hosting distinguished guests including Elton John and Dolly Parton and claiming a prominent place for all sexual orientations on the landscape of Waikiki and in the history of entertainment in Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, Hula's Bar & Lei Stand has become a launching point for founder Jack Law in his leadership of a growing movement of equality, pride and culture for Hawai'i's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender communities, as he became a founding board member of the Life Foundation and established the Honolulu Rainbow Film Festival in Honor of Adam Baran and the Gay and Lesbian Cultural Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Hula's Bar & Lei Stand has remained a positive gathering place throughout many chapters of history and milestones for LGBT communities over the past 40 years, such as during the passage and, ultimately, the signing of the Hawai'i Marriage Equality Act by Gov. Neil Abercrombie on November 13, 2013; the new law took effect on December 2, 2013, making Hawai'i the 15th state in the nation to fully embrace marriage equality; and


WHEREAS, Hula's Bar & Lei Stand celebrates its 40th anniversary on July 9, 2014, with a celebration featuring many of the performers who have supported the institution, including the Brothers Cazimero and Kawika Trask & Friends;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim July 9, 2014, as

"HULA'S BAR & LEI STAND DAY"

in Hawai'i, and ask all citizens of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the role that Hula's Bar & Lei Stand has played in providing an inclusive space for the state's LGBT community to socialize and organize throughout its 40 years as a fixture of Waikiki.

DONE at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this eighth day of July 2014.


NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i


SHAN S. TSUTSUI
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i